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Applicant(s): Blatter et al.

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In Re Application Of: Blatter et al.						
Application No. 09/736,937	Filing Date December 14, 2000	Examiner Michael G. Mendoza	Customer No. 32642	Group Art Unit 3731	Confirmation No. 1535	
Invention: LOCKING COMPRESSION PLATE ANASTOMOSIS APPARATUS						
<u>COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:</u>						
This is a combined amendment and petition under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Office Action of <u>November 24, 2004</u> in the above-identified application.						
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INDEP. CLAIMS	10 -	10 =	0	x \$200.00	\$0.00	
FEE FOR AMENDMENT						\$0.00
FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME						\$510 \$7,820.00
TOTAL FEE FOR AMENDMENT AND EXTENSION OF TIME						\$510 \$1,020.00

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